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State of Arizona  
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## **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 2024**

### **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

ENCOURAGING THE SELECTION OF ARIZONA AS ONE OR MORE NATIONAL TEST RANGES FOR  
THE OPERATION OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS IN SHARED NATIONAL AIRSPACE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1       Whereas, the State of Arizona has a tremendous history of directly  
2 contributing to the national security and defense of the United States of  
3 America; and

4       Whereas, the State of Arizona greatly appreciates the dedicated and  
5 selfless service of the men and women assigned to Fort Huachuca, Luke Air  
6 Force Base, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, the  
7 Yuma Proving Ground, the Barry M. Goldwater Range complex and auxiliary  
8 fields, and the Reserve and National Guard units across the state; and

9       Whereas, the State of Arizona's military operations have attracted  
10 aerospace, defense and national security industry to the state and have led  
11 to increased technological advances and important supporting relationships  
12 with universities, research laboratories and technical colleges; and

13       Whereas, national security and defense sectors are increasingly  
14 important to this state's economy as they create and support 190,000 jobs and  
15 generate more than \$18 billion in revenue; and

16       Whereas, the economic impact of military operations would not have been  
17 possible without the past and continuing congressional and state leadership  
18 support; and

19       Whereas, our military investments, military expertise, technically  
20 trained workforce and geographic and climatic diversity has positioned the  
21 State of Arizona well in retaining its military operations and competing for  
22 next-generation technology projects; and

23       Whereas, remotely piloted vehicles, cyberspace and intelligence,  
24 surveillance and reconnaissance mission areas will be high priority areas of  
25 defense and national security budgets.

26 Therefore

27 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona, the  
28 Senate concurring:

29       1. That, as military spending continues to be downsized in the  
30 foreseeable future, the State of Arizona must look to find ways to sustain  
31 and expand its direct support to the national security and defense sectors.

32       2. That the State of Arizona should specifically leverage its  
33 congressional and state leadership, current military expertise, technical  
34 workforce, and geographical and climate diversity to provide a concerted  
35 effort to aggressively pursue the high priority requirements of the United  
36 States Department of Defense.

37       3. That the State of Arizona compete for and be selected as one or  
38 more of the six national test ranges under the 2012 National Defense  
39 Authorization Act, an act that directs the Federal Aviation Administration in  
40 coordination with the United States Department of Defense and the National  
41 Aeronautics and Space Administration to determine how to safely operate  
42 unmanned aircraft systems in shared national airspace.

43       4. That a Federal Aviation Administration national test range based in  
44 the State of Arizona will attract additional research, development and  
45 operations of unmanned aerial systems supporting national security, defense

1 and civil aviation, thereby creating increased enduring economic impact and  
2 jobs for the State of Arizona.

3 5. That the creation of these test ranges will mark the first step in  
4 what will undoubtedly be a long-range process, leading to a common-day  
5 occurrence in which manned and unmanned aircraft fly safely and seamlessly  
6 together in the national airspace.

PASSED BY THE HOUSE MARCH 1, 2012.

PASSED BY THE SENATE MARCH 22, 2012.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE MARCH 26, 2012.

Passed the House March 1, 20 12

Passed the Senate March 22, 20 12

by the following vote: 56 Ayes,

by the following vote: 30 Ayes,

0 Nays, 3 Not Voting  
1 vacant

0 Nays, 0 Not Voting

[Signature]  
Speaker of the House

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President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Resolution received by the Secretary of State  
this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 20 12

H.C.R. 2024

at 3:45 o'clock P M.

[Signature]  
Secretary of State